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TOURISM AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to preserve the tribal culture in the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): A major mandate of the Department of Culture is the preservation, promotion and dissemination of the Indian art and culture in its entirety. In order to specifically preserve, promote and disseminate tribal/folk an and culture, the Department of Culture have a specific scheme the details of which are available in the Annual Report 1999-2000 of the Department which was laid before the Parliament. The objectives of the Scheme are:

(i) To provide the tribals with opportunities to conduct their cultural activities their environment and to collect and preserve their arts and crafts in their mili so as to ensure the continuity to the tradition of the tribal arts and crafts;

(ii) To promote and support documentation research and survey;

(iii) To assist the educational authorities of the State Government concerned identifying projects which will help to integrate the educational system in tri areas with the cultural tradition of the tribal and rural communities;

(iv) To disseminate the awareness of the richness particularly amongst urban educated people; and

(v) To promote the preservation and development of tribal arts and crafts and other facets of tribal culture by all other means.

Several NGOs/individuals all over the country have availed of the Scheme.